

Remarks

Claim 6 was previously indicated as allowable. The amendment herein is meant to more definitely introduce the annular space between the housing and the membrane element, and to connect the permeate inlet and outlet ports to the annular space, to remove what was thought to be a potential problem with the claim under 35 U.S.C. section 112. The amendment does not change the scope of the claim.

If for any reason this Response is found to be incomplete, or if at any time it appears that a telephone conference with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned in Westborough, Massachusetts, (508) 898-1501.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian M. Dingman', is written over the printed name.

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